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**KC-135s from the 90th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron here help keep other planes in the air in and out of the area of responsibility, supporting C-17 missions from Germany, the United States and Afghanistan. See related article, Page 8. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. William Gomez)**

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# Communication key to good leadership

**By Col. "Tip" Stinnette**  
 39th Air Base Wing commander

Over the course of the next few *Tip of the Sword* issues I will attempt to focus on what I think is important about being and leading Airmen ... or more simply put "What I Believe." You will find that I place my emphasis — my number-one priority — on the importance of our people. Airmen are the gas that makes the Air Force go — not our technology, airplanes or equipment. Without our Airmen, we might as well cut up all our expensive assets and make them into razor blades. Without our people, there are no effects!

Each installment to the "What I Believe" series will cover key leadership components from building Airmen to developing leaders, from striking balance to cultivating accountability, from addressing today's challenges to ensuring quality of life. The first installment in the series however begins with the last word in, "Bring your Courage, Conviction and Communication."

Communication, a prerequisite to good leadership, is vital to building a team. You cannot build a team, working in concert toward an objective, without clear communications. Communication is a two-way street. In rank order, my preferred modes of communication are (1) face-to face conversation, (2) a phone call, (3) a short note and (4) a short email. E-mail is a communication tool — not a leadership tool. Leadership is analog and not digital ... it is full-body contact, person-to-person and face-to-face.

The effective transmission of a message depends on how it is communicated ... it must be clear and unambiguous, both in transmission and reception. It must be employed up, down and sideways. Effective communication is a two-part maneuver ...



Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing Commander

transmission and reception. Playback is a good way to ensure a message has been properly and clearly received. Failed communication will create a vacuum that is filled by misinformation and disinformation. Effective communication equates to "one-plus-one is three"...its effects are greater than the mathematical sum of its components. We must endeavor to communicate at least two levels deep. Communication must be persistent and consistent. We must work to ensure that each of us gets and has the un-garbled truth.

Effective communication is the bedrock of our success as an installation and the cornerstone of our partnership with the 10th Tanker Base. Let's work together to get it right...Bring your courage, conviction and let's communicate!

## Commander's Action Line program

The Action Line program provides an avenue for the Incirlik community to voice concerns, complaints and opinions to Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander. The program should only be used after trying to resolving the issue through

the chain of command.

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# Action Line

## Music in Arkadas Park disturbs family, new Incirlik instruction governs noise

**Q** Recently, there was a party at Arkadas Park starting in the afternoon and continuing late into the night. During the afternoon, I asked them to turn down the music because it was very disturbing. They complied but later someone was speaking into a microphone and the volume was raised so much that I had to call security forces. It is time users of Arkadas Park realize there are families living adjacent to the park and their privacy and peace of mind should be considered.

**A** Thank you for addressing this topic, especially now that the summer months are here. Out of respect for all our neighbors, base personnel need to be familiar with the policy on quiet hours for the Incirlik Air Base community. Installation quiet hours are every day from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. and pertain to all dormitories, base housing areas and billeting.

We have defined the term "unreasonable noise" as any noise that prevents an individual who is in their place of residence with the door closed from sleeping. During times not designated as quiet hours, unreasonable noise is still unacceptable. The designated

quiet hours simply define times when quiet is essential and required, but "reasonable" noise levels are expected at all times.

We commend you for contacting the person responsible for the unreasonable noise and asking them to turn the music down. We highly encourage and expect all personnel to deal directly with fellow neighbors. Only if a neighbor continues, after being asked to keep the noise down, we would expect the law enforcement desk to be contacted.

As for those individuals who like to play their car stereos at an unreasonable level, we ask that you be sensitive to those outside your vehicles. The new Incirlik Air Force Instruction 31-204, *Incirlik Air Base Traffic Safety Instruction*, was just approved and prohibits the playing of any car stereo in which the sound can be heard at a distance of 15 feet. This new instruction also restricts the playing of any music which is obscene, profane or lewd and advocates sexual, racial or religious discrimination, regardless of the style of music, to the operator's private enclosed area. If you have any further questions concerning these policies, please contact the 39th Security Squadron at 6-8039.

## Lance P. Sijan Award nominees

The following people have been nominated for the Lance P. Sijan Award:

Junior Enlisted: **Tech. Sgt. Christopher Vansile**, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Enlisted: **Senior Master Sgt. Lola McLeod**, 39th Medical Squadron

Junior Officer: **1st Lt. Jeremy Russell**, 39th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Officer: **Lt. Col. Timothy Ferguson**, 39th Security Forces Squadron



Project CHEER focuses on creating a positive atmosphere by offering unaccompanied airmen opportunities to participate in trips, tournaments, classes, giveaways and community service events.

## YOUR TURN

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

"I like playing video games, reading and studying."

– **1st Lt.**

**James Burnham**, 728th Air Mobility Squadron



"I like to cook in my spare time."

– **Rani**

**Thomas**, 39th Services Squadron



"I like to explore Turkey. I go out with my Turkish friends and they show me stuff."

– **Master**

**Sgt. David Wilson**, 728th AMS



"I don't have much spare time, I take care of five children, my husband and my home. In the time I do have I like to exercise, meditate, pray and get my manicure, pedicure and massage."

– **Francine Hayes**, Incirlik family member



"In my spare time I listen to music, play ball, play video games and watch movies."

– **Senior Airman Kacee Canady**, 728th AMS



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil)



# Airman Information File

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## Get Organized for Success

As Airmen serving in the profession of arms, we realize and understand the importance of being organized — it could mean the difference between mission success and failure. Our nation depends on us to be ready to fight and postured to respond anywhere at a moment's notice. With the dynamic and unconventional nature of today's worldwide threat, we cannot afford to wait until after we're called to action to get organized — it could be too late!

Organization skills are critical to successful mission execution and also serve to reduce stress in our daily life. The fast-paced Air Force mission demands outstanding organization at every level. It helps us become more efficient and effective — on and off duty.

Workplace disorganization directly affects the mission and its impact can be catastrophic. Some effects of disorganization include Airmen deploying downrange without the right equipment, engines damaged by tools left behind, critical documents are lost, and valuable ideas are not captured — effects that put our Airmen at risk. Do your part to eliminate these symptoms; take time to get organized, pay attention to detail, develop a personal organization system, and always use your Wingman to back you up!

Your home can be a hotbed of disorganization and it can cost you time and money. Military members and their families experience first-hand the importance of keeping their critical documents like

passports, wills, birth certificates, adoption papers, and marriage certificates safely stored and easily accessible — especially during a PCS or extended TDY. Your efforts will alleviate the burden of having to search for these in the midst of a stressful situation.

Being organized at home also means ensuring your finances are in order. Leave, extended TDY, and PCS moves often result in additional expenses — both planned and unplanned. Make sure you have a financial plan, keep accurate records, and set some money aside for the unexpected. Whether a flight cancels, a car needs emergency repairs, or a wallet is stolen your efforts will inevitably pay dividends when you need it the most!

Edmund Burke said “good order is the foundation of all things.” Lay a solid foundation professionally and personally by getting organized. It takes effort and perseverance, but in the long run, it will save us time, improve efficiency, and enable safe execution of the mission, as well as those things we enjoy while off duty. Head down the path to success — get organized!

  
General Doc Foglesong

  
CMSgt Gary Coleman

**“Bring Your Courage”**

## COMUSAFE honored for support of enlisted force

**Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell**  
USAFE News Service

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS)** – Whether looking at Combat Education, the high-energy events of Project CHEER, or the countless quality of life initiatives we've enjoyed over the past 23 months, the total dedication and passionate concern U.S. Air Forces in Europe's commander has had for our enlisted Airmen and their families is readily apparent, said the USAFE command chief master sergeant recently.

“I don't know of another officer that has done more for our enlisted corps, and the entire Air Force,” said Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, USAFE command chief master sergeant. “It's amazing once you drill down – both on a strategic and tactical level – what our commander has done to support the enlisted force under his command.”

And, it's because of this support that the USAFE enlisted corps will bestow its highest honor on Gen. Robert H. “Doc” Foglesong, USAFE commander, when he's inducted into the command's Order of the Sword during a ceremony here Aug. 26.

Since taking the USAFE Flag in August 2003, General Foglesong's commitment to the

development of the enlisted force has been evident, said Chief Coleman.

“Take Combat Education for instance; the number one reason young people enlist in the Air Force is to continue their education ... knowing that it's often difficult for members (such as those who deploy and shift workers) to attend college classes, General Foglesong saw a need to institute this combat program to remove barriers that hinder the enlisted force from receiving a higher education,” he said.

“Since the program's inception, nearly 50 percent of all college classes are taught during non-standard times throughout the command, and more than 15 percent of all classes are offered outside of traditional classroom locations. Now, college enrollments are up by more than 11 percent; I'd call that a success.”

But, the focus on an enlisted education didn't stop with Combat Education. USAFE University, conceived and put into motion by General Foglesong, provides an umbrella for more than 600 educational courses and programs available to members within the command, said Chief Coleman.

“The most fundamental service we provide to our Airmen is the opportunity to improve themselves professionally and personally – and General Foglesong understands this,” said Chief Coleman.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Desiree Palacios  
Gen. Robert “Doc” Foglesong, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander

“The prime directive of USAFE U. is to analytically focus on what we're doing in the USAFE education and training arena,” said the

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chief. "The program generates career development learning experiences available at times and locations that meet Airmen's needs, enhances fulfillment of the command's combat program objectives and facilitates accomplishment of USAFE's mission. It not only benefits each USAFE member, but it enhances the command's overall mission."

Most of the programs that General Foglesong's implemented since taking command focus on year-round quality of life improvements. However, one program is designed specifically for the winter months; when family separation, inclement weather and holiday finances all add up to make life stressful.

Other combat and special interest programs have been extremely successful, and include;

#### **Combat Intro/Exit**

"At the tactical level, look at the program; it's designed to minimize the number of stops you have to make to in- and out-process a base and maximize your time on the job," he explained. "Virtual outprocessing has streamlined the permanent change of station process, eliminating 57 percent of office-stop requirements."

#### **Combat Fitness**

"It's a program implemented to focus on developing and maintaining a fitness routine that keeps you physically fit," Chief Coleman said. "USAFE is number one in the Air Force with fewest at risk and least required to test. Additionally, we have experienced a 30 percent increase in Fitness Center usage."

#### **Combat Nighthawk**

"This program lashed-up company grade officers with senior non-commissioned officers and NCOs for night immersion into areas out of their normal duties," the chief said. "The results for our CGOs was a better appreciation for roles/responsibilities, bonding, mentoring, and leadership."

#### **Hidden Heroes**

"Organizing volunteer efforts and providing a forum to where

people/organizations with a need for help can reach out to one source for assistance is programs goal," he said. "It also allows for formal recognition of those wonderful superstars who give their valuable time to help those in need."

#### **Project SMART**

"While I'm reluctant to brag on our Safety Program/record," he said. "I'll just say we're doing fantastic!"

#### **Combat Touch**

"Our chaplains are now out amongst our Airmen in an attempt to preempt the need to for members to go to the chapel," he explained. "General Foglesong has, as the chief of USAFE chaplains recently stated: "...given more to the chaplaincy than anyone to his knowledge in the history of the Air Force chaplaincy".

#### **Combat Care**

"For our families he has implemented a number of initiatives like Combat Care," he added. "It's a program that assures our family members are cared for when members are deployed."

#### **Project Wizard**

"It's an organized effort that has placed attention and dedicated resources to a vital area of our communities that surface at critical times in our lives," the chief said. "It has made them all noticeably more responsive to today's Air Force families with more computers, books, and learning resources."

Additionally, the general was concerned about child care.

"He engaged the services and personnel staffs to find efficiencies in our system to better accommodate this ever increasing need for our families," Chief Coleman added. "This resulted in new facilities on the books, increased staffing at some locations, and hours/schedules adjusted to meet the schedules of our military members."

"In short, he's an incredible leader who has done great things for our enlisted Airmen," said Chief Coleman. "He is clearly deserving of our highest honor."

## **The beat goes on**

Senior Airman Aisha Smith, from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., is one of eight female vocalists in Tips In Blue, performs a solo piece during the Tips In Blue performance at Leisure Park Sunday. Tips In Blue is the Air Force's premiere entertainment showcase whose goal is to enhance mission productivity for Air Force members and their families. Tips In Blue members average 120 performances at 100 locations worldwide.



Airman 1st Class Larry Reid Jr.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Bradley Lail

Senior Airman Jesse Killen, 728th Air Mobility Squadron air transportation journeyman, inspects signature service cargo.

## New cargo mission increases operations on Incirlik flightline

By Senior Airman Stephanie Hammer  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The first C-17 Globemaster III carrying cargo to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom arrived and departed here June 1.

With the new cargo hub operating out of Incirlik, the people on the flightline are seeing a lot more action.

"Before, it was kind of quiet," said Chief Master Sgt. Daniel McLaughlin, 728th Air Mobility Squadron maintenance superintendent. "We would handle a couple of airplanes here and there, but now we're busy the whole time."

Previously, cargo moved to Iraq from Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany. From Germany, one C-17 could only make one mission into Iraq a day. From Incirlik, that same C-17 now has the capability to make two missions into Iraq every day. By moving operations to Incirlik, not only has the number of cargo missions a C-17 can fly into Iraq a day doubled, but there is no longer a need to refuel the airplane while downrange. Less fuel used downrange equals less convoys needed to bring fuel into Iraq.

"Less convoys on the ground (in Iraq) is a good thing," said Lt. Col. Christopher Kulas, 728th AMS commander. "It means we are indirectly saving lives."

In order to keep up with operations, Incirlik integrates augmenters into their daily routines.

Almost 200 people are here to help support the cargo hub mission.

"We depend a great deal on our augmenters," said Master Sgt. Dwight Tucker, 728th AMS aircraft services superintendent. "They come in and support us with a positive attitude. They are a tremendous asset, and we couldn't do this without them."

Helping the augmenters transition smoothly in and out of operations here is an initiative called Combat Flightline. The purpose of the program is to increase attention on performance standards.

"It's about the presence of professionalism," said Chief McLaughlin. "It's like if you go to (a restaurant) – if the place looks good, orderly and clean, you'll eat there; if it doesn't, you'll go across the street to (another restaurant)."

"Combat Flightline is aimed at bringing that pride back," he continued. "And the concept filters into the base – it's about bringing public pride back into the Air Force."

Even though flightline operations have increased 400 percent, according to Sergeant Tucker, Incirlik is keeping up with the increased demands while keeping the end goal in mind.

"We're taking stuff to the warfighter and helping save lives, which is what's important," said Maj. Robert Moore, 728th AMS maintenance operations officer. "It's hard not to have fun when you know what you're doing is making a difference."

## IN THE NEWS

### WICO closed

The Women Infants and Children Overseas office is closed until Aug. 30. For emergencies, call the regional office at DSN 226-9016.

### Motorcycle safety course

Incirlik is hosting an Experienced Riders Course Saturday for all personnel requiring training to ride their motorcycle here. Prerequisites for the course are a stateside motorcycle endorsement, a serviceable motorcycle and personal protective equipment. For more information, call the safety office at 6-7233.

### Free WWE show

American Forces Network - Incirlik will run the World Wrestling Entertainment Smackdown Pay-Per-View, The Great American Bash, free at 9 p.m. Monday on AFN Spectrum. For more information, go to [www.myafn.net](http://www.myafn.net).

### NCO Academy instructor

Kisling NCO Academy is looking for two technical sergeants for instructors with a report date of January 2006. Mail application to Kisling NCO Academy USAF/PME Unit 3345 Box 570 APO, AE 09094-5570. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Karl Ohrn at 6-6502.

### Air Force Ball fundraiser

Incirlik 50th anniversary lithographs and coins are on sale every weekend until Sept. 3 at the base exchange. The funds will be used to support the Incirlik Air Force Ball in September.

### Lithographs available

The 39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs office has lithographs of the U.S. Army Air Forces in World War II, Tuskegee Airmen and Hispanic American Airmen available. Come by the PA office in building 833 during normal duty hours to pick up a copy for government offices.

# Incirlik heroes play hide, seek

**By 1st Lt. S.J.B. Bryant**  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Hide and seek is a rather well-known children's game played in many countries. First someone is picked to be "it," or the person to "seek." Then, everyone else "hides" as "it" counts to 10, 50 or 100. When finished counting, "it" tries to find and tag another person before they can get to a pre-designated safe haven. If "it" tags one of the people who hid, that person becomes "it" and the games starts all over again.

Incirlik has its own version of hide but the players are a little older and "it" is played by Julie Halstead, Family Support Center community readiness specialist and Hidden Heroes coordinator.

In the Incirlik version, the players are volunteers who run around base helping various units, organizations and individuals with an array of projects and events. And, just as it is with the children's game, some people are very good at hiding.

"People just want to volunteer," said Ms. Halstead. "Not all of them want to be recognized for their efforts. They just want to help. We currently have 466 volunteers who logged more than 8,200 hours in the last quarter but we know there are more out there."

The Hidden Heroes program is a way to "seek" out those volunteers and tag them for awards and recognition for all they do, said Ms. Halstead.

"Incirlik has always had a Volunteer Resource Program since volunteers have always been an important part of making the base community hum," she said. "The Hidden Heroes dimension came on board a little over a year ago along with the other Combat Special Interest programs. The new and improved version seeks to give recognition to volunteers who don't always make the spotlight associated with more formal awards."

Recognizing volunteers is not meant to embarrass anyone but to draw attention to the fact that if there were no volunteers, the quality of life at Incirlik would be drastically diminished," said Ms. Halstead.

"If everyone took a moment to think what life would be like here without volunteers, it would be a pretty bleak scenario," said Ms. Halstead. "Most people volunteer because they want to make a difference. By recognizing their efforts, you're letting them know that you see and appreciate the difference they are making."

"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others, at whatever cost," said Arthur Ashe, professional tennis player.

Mr. Ashe showed America that one positive act of giving of one's time could bring countless rewards to many, according to some of the hundreds of websites dedicated to his memory. It was Mr. Ashe who volunteered with and founded several children and adult tennis programs before his death in 1993.

"Incirlik volunteers are living Ashe's example right here in our midst every day," according to Ms. Halstead, "This is a base that loves kids and you see that reflected in the extraordinary amount of hours being devoted to our Youth Center activities, Boy and Girl Scouts, Chapel youth programs and schools."

It takes all kinds to make the volunteer force work. "Aside from family members, who make up almost 50 percent of our volunteer force, our volunteers are active duty military members or govern-

ment employees who already work 40, 50, 60 or more hours a week, then volunteer around base on their down time," said Ms. Halstead. "The most unusual opportunities come about through people who see a need and have some special skill or knowledge to share. For example, Mike Shrope recently went back to the states and on his own volition took a Motorcycle Safety Instructor course so he could help provide that class here at Incirlik."

Then there are those people who just refuse to be recognized. Ms. Halstead said that is perfectly acceptable to her because people volunteer for many reasons and their desire to contribute privately should be respected. Although she wishes she could change their mind: "Anything we do to draw attention to volunteerism plants seeds that may inspire others to lend their time and talents."

"Public recognition aside, all volunteers are asked to report their hours through the Hidden Heroes Unit (Point of Contact) System because this is a useful tool that shows our leadership how much time and manpower it takes to run base programs — not just those on the payroll. Plus, the cumulative log of countless volunteer hours each month is a reflection of our community capacity and spirit and we want to count everyone's contributions."

Most importantly, Ms. Halstead requests the community's assistance with identifying people making a difference behind the scenes at Incirlik by nominating them for a Hidden Hero Award. Nomination forms are available at the Family Support Center or can be obtained from a Hidden Heroes Unit POC.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities or log volunteer hours contact one of the POCs below or call Ms. Halstead at 6-6755.

## Unit Hidden Heroes points of contact

**39th Contracting Squadron** – Senior Airman Romeo Merenov at [romeo.merenov@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:romeo.merenov@incirlik.af.mil)

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All other tenant units not represented on the list above should report their hours to the Hidden Heroes Coordinator, Julie Halstead, at [julie.halstead@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:julie.halstead@incirlik.af.mil). Please call 6-6755 for more information about volunteer opportunities at Incirlik.

# Incirlik highlights big feature - its EARS

By Capt. Denise Burnham  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

An FBI analyst, a pharmaceutical sales representative and an engineering liaison are all visiting Turkey from Wisconsin ...but they are not here on vacation.

They are only some of the members of the 128th Air Refueling Wing, Milwaukee, Wis., Air National Guard, deployed here. The unit deploys to Incirlik in three-week rotations to provide refueling support to Operation Enduring Freedom aircraft.

Most of the Airmen who make up the 900-strong guard wing volunteered to deploy, giving them a chance to hone their real-world skills.

"As an intelligence analyst I do counter intelligence and counter terrorism, the same as my FBI job back in Wisconsin," said Maj. Christopher Charney, intelligence analyst with the 90th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron. "It's pretty much the same type of analysis and collection at home, but I give more briefings here."

These guardsmen are not what many call "weekend warriors," they work more than one weekend per month. Many have been tapped to deploy three to four times this year alone. Oftentimes the ability of traditional guardsmen to volunteer for a mission depends on the size and patriotism of the civilian employer.

"I'm a pharmaceutical salesperson at a French company so this is completely different from my day job," said Staff Sgt. Beth Morrell, crew chief with the 90th EARS. "To date my company has been very supportive of my deployments. I've even been recognized for it at staff meetings."

Traditional guardsmen normally volunteer for deployments or TDYs by checking the postings at their local National Guard units. People are expected to volunteer, but if no one signs up then it becomes an official tasking.



The KC-135 Stratotanker's principal mission is air refueling. This asset helps the Air Force's accomplish its primary missions of Global Reach and Global Power.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. William Gomez

(Left to right) Staff. Sgt. Tim Lang and Lt. Col. Pete Hoffman, both of the 90th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, go over a preflight checklist before a mission.

It takes 150 people from the guard unit to get this mission off the ground. They are aircraft operators, maintainers, intelligence analysts and many others from various support functions. But even with this many people the unit faces challenges.

"This year we are facing some challenges in my section because we have half the amount of deployable people and four times the deployment requirements to fill," said Major Charney.

The 90th EARS aircraft, the KC-135s, allow the C-17s to extend their legs in and out of the area of responsibility. The KC-135s have long represented force extension and are constantly supporting C-17 missions from locations such as Germany, the United States and Afghanistan.

The KC-135 aircrews typically fly 15 to 20 missions per week with a handful of aircraft.

"We get tagged with a lot of pop-up missions from Germany or the states. We refuel (the missions) in both directions," said Maj. Shawn Gaffney, staff pilot with the 90th EARS.

"We are not certain that when we launch a tanker if it's going to be refueling a C-17 from here or another one coming or going from another location," said Tech. Sgt. John Dufrane, crew chief with the 90th EARS.

The guardsmen put their best foot forward when volunteering for the missions.

"I know no one likes to be away from family, but everyone enjoys this mission," said Major Charney. "You really get to be a citizen Airman."

The group typically works 12-hour shifts while deployed but a few try to find time to travel and see the sights in Turkey.

"About 25 of us traveled this weekend; we managed to see three castles, do some shopping and take in the Turkish countryside," said Sergeant Dufrane.

For some of the troops this is their second or third visit to Turkey.

"I enjoy the food and people in Turkey," said Major Charney. "I jumped at the chance to come back this time."

The deployed tanker units have maintained a constant presence in Turkey for almost 15 years supporting such operations as Desert Storm, Provide Comfort, Northern Watch, Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.



## Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, Host Nation Adviser

### Taxi courtesy

**Mehmet, aren't all taxis off base required to use meters? There appears to be an issue with taxi charges near curfew hours. I would also like to know a little bit more about proper courtesy with taxis.**

**Response:** All taxis in Turkey have taximeters and the driver should turn the meter on as soon as a customer gets in the taxi, without being asked. The taxi fares are determined and announced by city councils. All taxis should accept those fares, otherwise they will not be allowed to work.

Meters of taxis in Adana, including Gate Taxi, start with 1.5 million Turkish Lira and add 150,000 TL for every 100 meters. The night rate of taxis is 50 percent more than the regular rates. Meters start with 2.25 million TL and add 225,000 TL for every 100 meters.

The night rate is between midnight and 6 a.m. Taxis at the airports and train stations charge night fare throughout the whole day. That is a special privilege given to them.



Photos by Staff. Sgt. Shanda De Anda

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Raymond, 39th Comptroller Squadron budget analyst, gets into the back of a taxi. It is considered proper etiquette for passengers to ride in the back seat.

People can ask taxis to wait at the destination. Waiting up to five minutes is not charged. But after the first five minutes, every minute costs 150,000 TL. If waiting happens during night rate, it is 225,000 TL per minute.

Tipping a taxi driver is not a very common practice in Turkey, however it is appropriate to tip taxi drivers who help carry baggage and do extra things.

Traditionally, customers sit in the back seat in a taxi, especially female customers. It is also considered very rude to swear while riding in a taxi.

There are rumors that a taxi charged a service member \$20 for a ride from a bar in the

alley to the gate minutes before the curfew started. The Gate Taxi manager says any taxi that breaks the rules, overcharges the customers or treats the customers rudely would be banned from working.

He also added there have been several rude customers. Also some customers, after a ride, get into a big building or dormitory and tell the driver to wait then never come out of the building.

There is also a rumor that the taxi cost is \$3 wherever you go on the base. That is absolutely untrue, he said. Most of the rides cost around that, but the price naturally changes depends on the distance you ride.

The meters show the cost in TL, but people may pay in TL or dollars. Passengers should try to pay the exact amount if possible, because the taxi drivers might not have exact change.

There are 26 taxis working for Gate Taxi every day, with 16 on-base and 10 outside the gate and in the Alley. Due to security reasons, taxis on base do not go off-base and taxis off-base are not allowed to get onto the base. Because of this people cannot go through the gate while riding in a taxi.

People who have complaints or are not happy with the service of the Gate Taxi, may call the manager at 6-6461. Remember to get the license plate or taxi number and mention the time of the incident.

On the other hand, Gate Taxi would like to hear about good service as well. If someone forgets something in a taxi, they may check for it by calling the taxi stand.



Taxi drivers start the meter with 1.5 million Turkish Lira and add 150,000 TL for every 100 meters traveled during the day. At night the meter starts with 2.25 million TL and adds 225,000 TL for every 100 meters traveled.

*Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail [mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil).*

# Mr. Yo-yo man

## *Around the world, walking the dog, making it sleep*

**By Myles Hayes**

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

With three or four tricks in an arsenal, many think they are yo-yo gurus. But to Staff Sgt. Erek Smith, the yo-yo is the something very different.

Being one of only 427 professional yo-yo players in the world, Sergeant Smith takes great pride in what some people just see as an item in a birthday baggy.

"I picked up a yo-yo in a Red Cross care package on a 179-day deployment," said Sergeant Smith, who began to yo-yo after Sept. 11. "Everyone was talking about how muscular and strong they were going to get – I decided to get good at yo-yo."

Good would be an understatement. In 2001, Sergeant Smith became a professional yo-yo player.

Sergeant Smith polished his yo-yo skills and won a talent contest, becoming a professional yo-yo player through the American Yo-Yo Association. During this time, Sergeant Smith went to boardwalks, put a hat out and did tricks. He also continued to perform his yo-yo tricks at stage shows.

To Sergeant Smith, stage shows and helping others learn to become better at the yo-yo is more important than the competitions.

"I like to do shows for the kids and showing them they can do tricks with the yo-yo that they never believed they could do is the best part of being a professional," he said.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Bradley Lail

Staff Sgt. Erek Smith, 39th Communications Squadron postal clerk, demonstrates his yo-yo skills. Sergeant Smith prefers teaching others to yo-yo over competing.

Though Sergeant Smith is a professional, he does not compete in the national competitions.

"I started to yo-yo when I was 21 and being overseas makes it hard to be in the world competitions," said Sergeant Smith.

Sergeant Smith collects his yo-yos before

they hit the market and has more than 300 top of the line yo-yos. But he always uses a regular yo-yo during his shows.

"The difference in being a professional yo-yo and a magician is yo-yo people want to teach others how to do the tricks," he said. "Magicians just want to keep it a secret."

Sergeant Smith does not have a specific signature move but he uses a free-hand technique. The technique requires an object to be tied at the end of the yo-yos which allows the yo-yo to be let go adding more flare to the tricks.

Sergeant Smith said he knows too many tricks to count. But his favorite trick is called the "nun chuck." The nun chuck is a free-hand technique style trick which involves swinging the yo-yo around your shoulders.

"Ninety percent of my tricks come from trying to do others but messing up and discovering new tricks," said Sergeant Smith. "Practicing them is just a matter of picking up a yo-yo."

Yo-yo, one of the oldest toys known was named "Toy of the century" by the Arts and Entertainment Television Network. It is also a national sport in 31 nations.

### Do you know yo-yo?

**500 B.C.** – The first historical mention of the yo-yo is on a Greek vase painting.

**1500s** – Pictures of yo-yos are found in Egyptian temples. Hunters used yo-yos for hunting. They tied rocks to strings and threw the rocks at animals.

**1789** – Wealthy French people had yo-yos made of ivory and glass.

**1790s** – Yo-yos were used as stress relievers on immigrant ships.

**1866** – Yo-yos arrived in the United States.

**1920s** – Yo-yos were made of wood with string tied around the axle.

**1928** – Donald Duncan bought a yo-

yo company from Pedro Flores.

**1946** – Duncan's company made 36,000 yo-yos an hour to keep up with the country wide demand for yo-yos.

**1974** – Richard Nixon yo-yos at the opening of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn.

**1985** – A yo-yo is taken into space, but the astronauts could not make the yo-yo "sleep" due to lack of gravity.

**1986** – The Yomega Corporation comes out with a "yo-yo with a brain." This yo-yo has a clutch return.

**1992** – The yo-yo goes back into space where astronauts make a slow motion yo-yo video. (Courtesy library.thinkquest.org)

## THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

### SNCO Induction Ceremony

The SNCO Induction Ceremony is at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. tonight at the consolidated club ballroom. Dress for military members is mess dress or semi-formal uniform. Dress for civilians is formal. For more information, call 6-3459.

### Dodgeball tournament

The Men's Varsity Softball Team is sponsoring a dodgeball tournament at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Fitness Center. It is open to all identification card holders 18-years-old and older. For more information, call 6-6086.

### Golf events

A couples scramble is 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Entry fee is \$5. The Wilson Handicap outing is 8 a.m. July 30. Entry fee is \$10. For more information, call 6-8995.

### Home school social group

The Home School Social Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Community Center. For more information, call 6-3256.

### Mystery theater

There will be a mystery dinner theater from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Community Activities Center in celebration of National Kid's Day. The cost for children (17-years-old and younger) is free with adults paying \$5 per family. For more information, call 6-3256.

### Youth Center happenings

The youth center is hosting several events throughout the month of August: "fear factor" night, an "amazing race," scavenger hunt, parking lot bash and a public speaking seminar. There are also on-going classes and workshops in drama, dance, watercolor art, journalism and photography available for children.

Soccer and before/after school registrations begin Aug. 1.

Pee-wee soccer camp is Aug. 8 through 12 for children age 3 to 5. Registration is taking place now. For more information on any of these events, call Jeannie Gooch at 6-6670.

## WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



**Master Sgt. Regina Height**  
39th Contracting Squadron  
contracting manager

**Time in service:** 18 years

**Hometown:** Dublin, Ga.

**Time on station:** Nine months

**Hobbies:** Working out, reading and traveling

**Why did you join the Air Force?**

I joined the Air Force to travel and see the world.

**What do you like the most about Incirlik?**

I like the chapel services the best.

**How do you contribute to the mission?**

I am a contract administrator for the Turkey

Base Maintenance Contract. Valued at \$252 million, it is the largest base maintenance contract in U.S. Air Forces in Europe. This contract provides mission support to the 39th Air Base Wing and its geographically separated units.

**What is your favorite motto and why?**

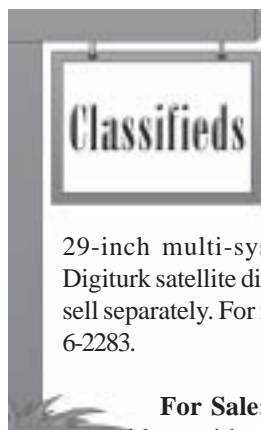
"The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself," Proverbs 11:25. To me this means that whether it's your time, skills or your life, everyone has something to give. Giving is good for the heart.

**What Air Force core value best describes you and why?**

The core value that best describes me is "service before self." I truly feel that my purpose in life is to be of service to others.

**Supervisor's quote:**

"Master Sgt. Height is a highly competent, knowledgeable and dedicated senior NCO," said Joseph Reich II, 39th CONS administrative contracting officer. "Integrity is of paramount importance to her. If something has to be done, I can rely on her to make it happen. She is very persistent yet considerate. On and off duty, Regina is ready to help those in need. She's one of the finest individuals I've ever met."



**Yard sale:** A yard sale is 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 3184-B Antalya. For more information, call 6-6905.

**For sale:** Hitachi 29-inch multi-system television and Digiturk satellite dish. \$400 for both. Will sell separately. For more information, call 6-2283.

**For Sale:** Sectional sofa navy blue, with additional multicolor

cushions. Asking \$200 OBO. For more information, call 6-2565.

**For Sale:** House in Ocean Springs, Miss., near Keesler Air Force Base. Four bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, two story, 2,350 sq. ft. Asking \$138,500. For more information, contact John at 6-9800 or 6-5466.

**For Sale:** Female Doberman. 18 months old, all shots current. Housebroken, children friendly, not fixed. \$1,000 OBO to a good home. For more information, call Charlie at 05448538825 (cell phone).

### Incirlik's water safe to drink

Incirlik's water quality is checked by the bioenvironmental engineering office to ensure it complies with health standards set by the Final Governing Standards of Turkey which mirrors the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations. These standards limit the amount of contaminants in drinking water.

Lead is used in some plumbing materials and the bioenvironmental engi-

neering office has tested the drinking water to ensure lead is not leaching into it. Results have proven to exceed all health requirements – the trace amounts of lead are not enough to cause adverse health effects.

For more information people may read the 2004 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report located on the Source or call Staff Sgt. Leslie Sybert at 6-6305.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. William Gomez

## Venus in training

Lilly Spano, 6, daughter of Master Sgt. Fredrick Spano, 39th Security Forces Squadron, practices her tennis skills during the youth tennis clinic this week. Youth learned the basics of the game. For more information on youth activities this summer, call the youth center at 6-6670.

## COMBAT, SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

### Combat Fitness

Floor aerobics are at 3 p.m. and core, pump and circuit training at 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the fitness center. For more information, call 6-6086.

### Project Wizard

The library is hosting a Medieval Fair Aug. 2 to conclude the summer reading program for anyone willing to share medieval related skills or talents. For more information, call 6-659.

### Combat Touch happenings

Mid-week Bible Study is 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 6-2188.

**Hours for Sunday worship** services at the base chapel in building 945 are:

Protestant:

8 a.m. – Traditional worship service

11:15 a.m. – Gospel worship service

6 p.m. Contemporary service

Catholic:

9 a.m. – Reconciliation

9:30 a.m. – Mass

Daily Mass is 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The chapel also has points of contact for Jewish, Wiccan and Jehovah's Witness. For these and any other faiths, call the base chapel at 6-6441.



### AT THE OASIS

#### Today

**7 p.m. – The Longest Yard (R)(1st run)** – Starring Adam Sandler and Chris Rock. When a messy drunk driving incident lands Paul Crewe in jail, he finds he was specifically requested by Warden Hazen, a prison official well aware of Paul's athletic skills. Paul is assigned the task of assembling a team of convicts, to square off in a big football game against the guards. (104 minutes)

**9:15 p.m. – House of Wax (R)** – Starring Elisha Cuthbert and Chad Michael Murray. A group of friends on their way to a college football game falls prey to a pair of murderous brothers. The group must find a way out before they become permanent exhibits in the House of Wax. (115 minutes)

#### Saturday

**5 p.m. - The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy** – Starring Martin Freeman and Mos Def. Earthman Arthur Dent is having a very bad day. His house is about to be bulldozed, he discovers that his best friend is an alien and to top things off, Planet Earth is about to be demolished to make way for a hyperspace bypass. Arthur's only chance for survival: hitch a ride on a passing spacecraft. (103 minutes)

**7:30 p.m. – The Longest Yard (R)(1st run)** – Starring Adam Sandler and Chris Rock. (104 minutes)

#### Sunday

**7 p.m. – Kingdom of Heaven** – Starring Orlando Bloom and Eva Green. Balian is mourning the death of his wife and baby when his father arrives and asks him join the crusades in Jerusalem. Balian agrees, and embarks on the perilous journey. Upon reaching Jerusalem, a city where his meager beginnings no longer matter, Balian earns respect. (145 minutes)

#### Thursday

**7 p.m. – Monster-In-Law (PG-13)** – Starring Jennifer Lopez and Jane Fonda. Unlucky in love, beautiful 'Charlie' has finally met the man of her dreams, Dr. Kevin Fields. There's just one problem – his mother Viola. Fearing she will lose her son's affections as she has her career, Viola decides to break up the couple, and become the world's worst mother-in-law. (96 minutes)

### AT THE M1

**Madagascar(PG)** — 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9 p.m. (110 minutes)

**Mr. and Mrs. Smith (PG-13)** — 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (122 minutes)

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>; M-1 listings are courtesy of the Tempe Cinemaxx Web site at [www.tepecinemaxx.com.tr](http://www.tepecinemaxx.com.tr). For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.